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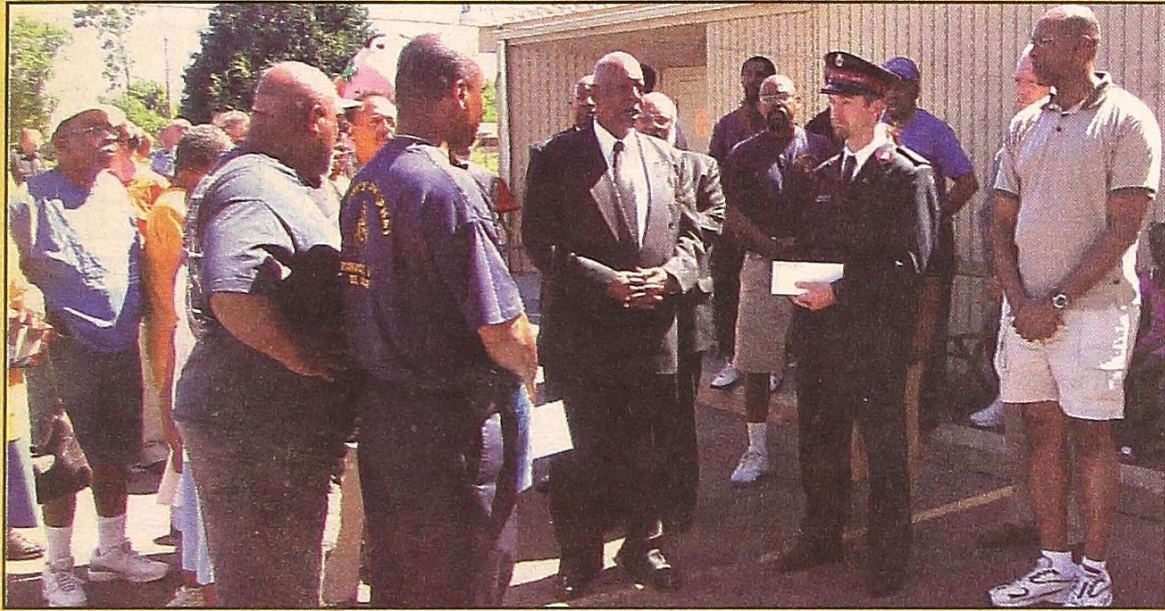
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Mayor Pro-tem Randy Gear (far right, above) stands with officials from the Salvation Army and the St. John Lodge Friday. Below, the group of volunteers who filled two trailers full of non-perishables poses in front of the Coleman Center.



Community reaches out to storm victims

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Officials and residents in Romulus are doing what they can to help out the victims displaced from their homes in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Jeff Chandler of the St. John Masonic Lodge in Romulus was assisted by Mayor Pro-tem Randolph Gear as volunteers began an effort to collect non-perishable necessities for storm victims on Friday at the Coleman Center on Beverly Road. There, two 40-foot trailers were loaded with toiletries,

clothes, food and supplies to help displaced people re-start their lives.

"I was watching all of this unfold on Tuesday, and I decided that we had to do something about it," Chandler said. "We couldn't just stand by and watch this happen to people."

Chandler said city residents came out in droves once word got out about the effort to help Katrina's victims.

"We're really pleased with what we've received so far, but more is needed," he said. "One of the things we need are can openers - we didn't

receive a single one, and if anyone can donate those, we'd really appreciate it."

Volunteers from the lodge, along with city officials, are currently working to package the clothes according to size and account for everything that was donated. Once packages are organized, the hope is that the items can be transported to the flood area with the help of the Michigan Salvation Army.

"They are working with us right now," Chandler said. "If everything goes as we've

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Candidates pared down next week

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

In what promises to be the most competitive primary election in recent years, 16 candidates will compete for seven open seats in Romulus on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Three candidates - incumbent treasurer Pam Kersey and challengers Larry Moore and Frank Romeo - will also compete for the post of treasurer. City Clerk Linda Choate will run unopposed.

Six incumbent council members - Randolph Gear, William Crova, Charles Miller, Leroy Burcroff, William Wadsworth and Mike Prybyla - are seeking re-election. They are facing several challengers, including John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Edward Buczkowski, Harry Crout, Tony Heimberger, Leo Knasiak, Steven Lewkowicz, Rodney Pennington, Jr., Christopher Walock and Niema White are challenging them.

The top 14 vote getters will have a chance to compete for a council seat during the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The top two candidates running for treasurer will also advance.

Several candidates, when contacted Tuesday, said they are confident they will have a place among the final 14.

"I'm still working hard to make sure I get my message out there for voters, because it's ultimately their decision, said William Crova, a three-term councilman. "I've been putting out signs, responding to inquiries from the newspapers and talking to as many people as I can. I do think people will decide they would like me to serve again."



William Crova



John Barden

John Barden, a first-time candidate in Romulus, said he feels confident heading into the home stretch, even though he knows few challengers have been able to topple incumbents in Romulus when November rolls around.

"I feel really good," he said. "Since I started running, I've had calls to my house from people who have asked to volunteer because they want to see me up there. I think we've made some progress. The UAW and the AFL-CIO endorsed me. I'm just going to keep talking to the people leading up to the election, and then I have to leave it up to them. I will have done all I can

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Judge bars company from cleaning debris left from explosion

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

As an investigation begins at the site of the EQ Resource Recovery facility on Van Born Road, a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge ordered last Wednesday that the ash that landed on several rooftops after the explosion be preserved.

Judge Wendy Baxter issued the ruling after lawyers from the law firm of Weiner & Cox announced their intention to file a class action suit against EQ for damages on behalf of 100 fami-

lies living in the cities of Wayne and Romulus.

The Aug. 9 explosion at the facility sent a plume of fire that contained trace levels of various toxins and the layer of black ash on homes, vehicles and the lawns of the homeowners. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is expected to release a full report of the contents of the fallout in the next few weeks, though preliminary findings indicate that the levels of toxins are not harmful.

Baxter's order was issued after some of the families the

firm represents reported that individuals were cleaning their lawns without authorization, said attorney Elizabeth Thomson.

"We had one individual who reported to us that a man came up to her door and asked if he could take a sample from her lawn, and she said yes," she explained. "When she came back home, her entire lawn was cleaned. We decided to ask for the temporary restraining order to make sure that (EQ) was cleaning up in an ethical way, and according to the law. We had a number of calls from our clients,

and even people we were not representing."

Thomson said residents should call EQ if and when they need help cleaning up their property, however.

"We have nothing against cleaning up, but we want to make sure this is something that is being done with the complete knowledge of the homeowner," Thomson said.

The restraining order put into place a procedure that requires the company to inform the plaintiffs' attorneys if and when they go to a site to clean it up.

Dan Gilbert, a spokesman for EQ, did not return several calls seeking comment.

Weiner & Cox is one of three law firms which filed class action suits against EQ. The cause of the fire is still unknown and will have a bearing on the litigation.

The results might not be known for several weeks. Fire Chief David Allison said that arson investigators for the Romulus Police Department and the U.S. Bureau for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) have ruled out foul play as a cause for the explosion.

Myrtle Lodge to be honored for 150 years

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Myrtle Lodge 89 has been in Belleville for almost 150 years and this year, the group will be recognized at the upcoming Centennial Celebration as the oldest organization in the area.

The fraternal club known as the Masons makes up the Myrtle Lodge and Masonic Temple group members. They represent all occupations and professions with the goal of helping other people.

Al Robertson, worshipful master of the lodge, said it feels pretty good to be recognized in the community. He has been a member since 1983.

"Through the years, the group has been made up of prominent businessmen in the community who have made contributions to the growth of Belleville," he

said. "Throughout time, the Masons have been looked up to and attracted well-known people. That's what masonry is all about: taking good men and making them better. We promote family, welfare and men."

Lodge members have contributed to several different charitable organizations around Belleville including: the Girlstown Foundation, the Van Buren Public Schools, the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society.

The Myrtle Lodge also awards annual scholarships—\$500 to \$1,000—for high school students.

"We try to get involved more and more in the community because years ago, that's what Masons were formed on and so many people were a part of the Masons," said secretary Bob Welt.

Welt, who has been a member since 1959, said that's why he originally joined.

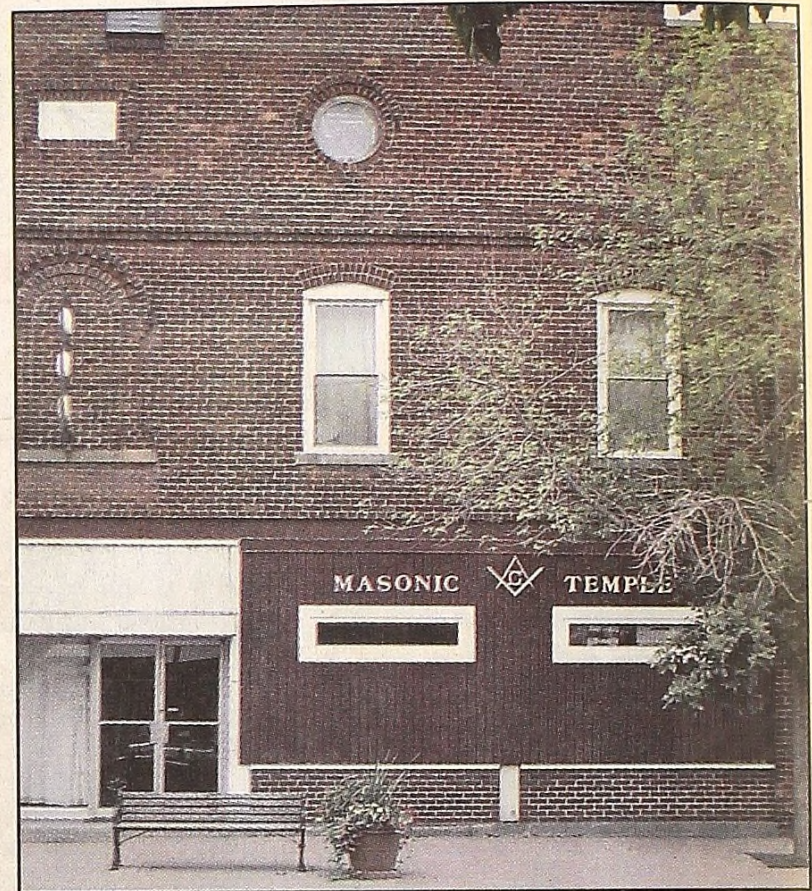
"When I was young, all the merchants and school people were members. Those people were respected in the area and were good people so I knew the organization had to be something good," he said.

Currently, the group is lacking in membership, both Albertson and Welt said.

"We're getting new members, but not fast enough," said Welt. "I'm proud of our lodge, proud to be a Mason and I think that others who join would see that."

"The lodge has changed the Belleville area by helping to establish Belleville groups that pioneered the basic concept of the town," he said. "We've helped to establish the city and have had a big influence."

In 2007, the Myrtle Lodge will



The original building of the Myrtle Lodge #89 (pictured above) still exists in Belleville today. It has been in the area for almost 150 years and this year, the group will be recognized at the upcoming Centennial Celebration as the oldest organization in the area.

be 150 years old and the members have plans to celebrate the occasion with a parade and luncheon for the entire community.

Belleville Post office announces new extended daily hours

The United States Postal Service office, located in 54601 S. I-94 Service Drive in Belleville will extend office hours.

Beginning Sept. 6, the post office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

"We want to make using the post office quick, easy and convenient to our customers," said Postmaster Tim Inman. "This is just another way we're working to better meet our customers' shopping and mailing needs."

In addition to extending retail hours, the Belleville Post Office

recently installed an automated Postal Center (APC) to enhance customer service. It is available 17 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Our APC works much like an automated teller machine," said Inman. "Customers can buy stamps or mail packages anywhere in the U.S. using a credit

card or debit card. It's easy and convenient for customers in a hurry."

In addition, Inman said many services available at the post office are now available online at usps.com.

"You can buy stamps, use Click-N-Ship to print your own

mailing labels, pay for postage and confirm delivery," said Inman. "You can also request a package pick-up at your home or office at no extra charge. Expanding hours provides customers with more options and more access to the products and services they need."

CITY OF ROMULUS TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 from 7 o'clock a.m. in the forenoon until 8 o'clock p.m. in the evening, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the following offices:

**City Treasurer
City Council**

Each person voting on the above must be:

- A) A citizen of the United States of America
- B) A registered elector of the City of Romulus
- C) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The Polling Places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

1. Wick Elementary School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
2. Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
3. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
4. Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
5. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
6. Rudgate Community Building, 7040 Shawnee Dr., Romulus, MI
7. Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
8. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
9. Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, MI
10. Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
11. Mt. Pleasant School, 3900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
12. Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
13. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
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17. Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
18. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

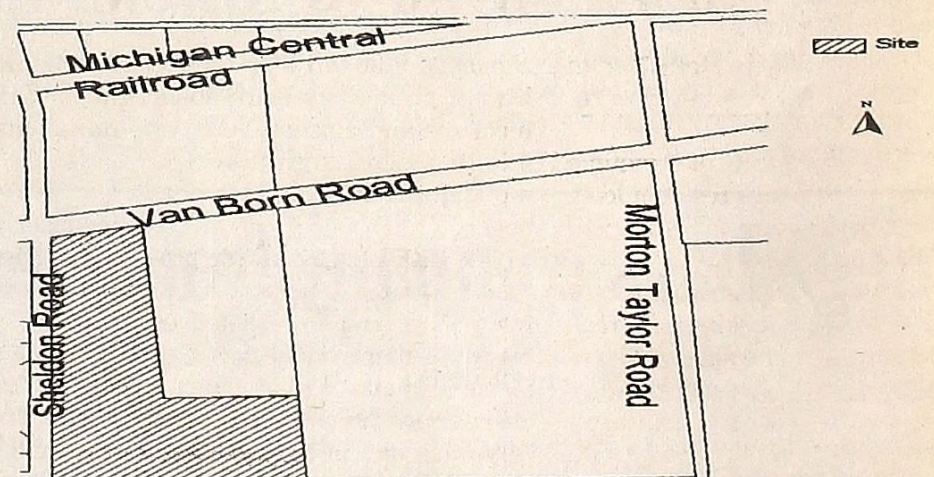
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday September 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-009-99-0006-702 approximately 20 acres proposed to be rezoned from M-1 General Industrial District to R1-C Single Family Residential.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the east side of Sheldon Road and west side of Morton Taylor Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of September 28, 2005.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Candidate touts experience, fiscal understanding

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus City Treasurer candidate Frank Romeo hopes his background as an accountant and his desire to cut taxes gives him an edge over the incumbent treasurer and a challenger during the Sept. 13 primary.

Romeo, 56, has lived in Romulus for nine years. He said during that time he has noticed at least one thing that is nearly exclusive to the city that not many other municipalities engage in.

"(I would) bring Romulus in line with all it's neighboring communities by working to repeal the 1 percent Property Tax Administration fee charged by the treasurer's office on residen-

tial property," he said. "Romulus is one of only two communities in this area that still levies this fee, which costs the average homeowner an additional \$50 per year."

One of Romeo's other missions would be to bring additional technology and automation to the treasurer's office to make collection of taxes and the output of services more streamlined.

"I feel the treasurer should be at work and available to serve the citizens of Romulus all day, every business day," he said.

Though collection of funds is one of the key facets of the treasurer's office, another sometimes-overlooked aspect is the investment of city taxes, which need to be deployed in ways that will enhance a resident's experi-

ence in the city, and keep taxes in line.

"Overseeing the tax dollar's investment strategy to maximize the city's interest income to keep taxes low and being the financial watchdog for the hard-working citizens of Romulus (is a goal)," said Romeo.

Romeo also said he believed that having a discerning eye in the treasurer's office was important because of the amount of new development in the city, which naturally means more tax dollars should be flowing in.

Romeo is single and has worked as a professional accountant for more than 30 years. He has a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Wayne State University School of Business Administration, and has taken

other courses in finance and economics. He is currently an accountant with his own private practice.

Much of Romeo's day revolves around providing tax assistance and preparation of the Michigan Homestead Property Tax and Home Heating Credits for seniors and low-income adults. He said his experience working with varied tax concepts sets him apart from his competitors.

"With all the growth taking place in Romulus, we must have a broad-based, experienced accounting professional in the treasurer's role," he said. "My 34 years accounting and finance experience and my ability to understand and perform the budget director's duties will bring the necessary professional-



Frank Romeo

ism to the treasurer's office."

Romeo is facing incumbent treasurer Pam Kersey and challenger Larry Moore for the spot. The top two vote getters in the Sept. 13 primary will go head-to-head during the Nov. 8 general election.

Election - 16 names on ballot

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by then."

Both candidates said they would anxiously await the results at city hall on Tuesday.

By the time the votes are tallied in November, there will be at least one new council member. Three-term council member Debbie Romak is challenging incumbent Mayor Alan Lambert for his seat, and if she is not victorious, she will no longer be a member of council.

Council members serve four-year terms, Choate said, and are

paid \$7,900 per year. The mayor pro-tem - or the council member that receives the largest number of votes - is paid \$8,700 per year.

Each of the 17 city precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Choate said. The deadline to register for the November election is Oct. 10. Voters can register by visiting any Secretary of State Office, or the city clerk's office on the lower level of City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 942-7540 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Victims - Groups seek more aid

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planned, we should be able to ship out of here on Saturday."

But Chandler said he hopes the donations keep coming.

"Just imagine if you lost everything," he said. "(The victims) needs are going to be tremendous. We're looking for more non perishables - canned goods, clothes, toys and supplies."

Since Katrina hit 10 days ago, people in other parts of the country have been inundated with images of suffering people being moved to other areas for their own safety. This week, the State of Michigan announced 300 people would be transferred from Texas to Battle Creek, where temporary housing was provided at a military base. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has estimated that 250,000 people could be homeless in New Orleans alone.

Chandler also said several

volunteers have worked to make this a successful campaign.

"I have so many people who deserve recognition," he said. "They worked sometimes from 5 in the morning until 11 at night."

Some of the volunteers are: John McDuffie, Antione Humphrey, Harry Anderson, Nelson Blankenship, Randy Gear, William Black and Brian Priestly, among many others.

Currently, Chandler said the city is working with him to establish a way to take monetary donations.

"One big thing we have to address is fuel," he said. "We need to raise money to help pay or gas to get there."

Non-perishable donations can be dropped off at city hall, 11111 Wayne Road. Chandler said he hopes to make a few more trips to the flood area with more donations.

"What happened here is truly a disaster, and we need to step up and help," he said.



New officers

The Romulus Police Department has four new patrolman to help keep city streets safe. The officers were sworn in at a city hall ceremony on Sept. 6. Pictured from left to right are Mayor Alan R. Lambert with new police officers Nicole Johnson, Nathan Kuczera, Jason Orme and Goff Rice. Public Safety Director Charles Kirby also congratulated the new officers.

Rotary looks for world traveler for trip

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The opportunity of a lifetime awaits a Romulus resident looking for adventure in an intriguing foreign land.

So says the Romulus Rotary Club, which is looking for a resident between the ages of 25 and 45 to attend a five-week Group Study Exchange (GSE) next spring in Brazil.

Judge Brian Oakley, a Rotary member, said the trip would take place in April.

"This is something I would have loved to have done," he said. "To have the opportunity to go learn about another culture - and have all of your expenses paid - is a great opportunity for anyone."

Rotarians plan study missions like this each year to learn about different regions of the world and perform needed services.

"This is basically a cultural

exchange that will help people who go on the trip learn about business and culture," Oakley said. "It's meant to give people a more multi-cultural perspective."

The GSE is a nationwide program. Rotary clubs are broken into regions, and representatives come together from each region in the host city to plan and discuss service projects. Last year, Rotarians met in New Zealand and undertook several projects, including a project to save historical trees 100 meters high in the mountainous city of Napier.

Rotarians also learned - and documented - several aspects of that country's culture. New Zealand's economy is agriculturally based, and citizen's diets are heavy in fruit and vegetables. Animals that are not indigenous to the area are slowly destroying crops that citizens need to find a way to save.

Oakley said the exchange is a powerful tool young profession-

als can use to apply their business skills, and learn about doing business in other countries.

"We've received countless feedback about the program," he said. "Participants are generally very pleased with the experience."

In the past, Rotarians have visited Bangladesh, Australia, Afghanistan and Ecuador, to name a few. Each team member will be provided with free air fair to and from Brazil, as well as meals and lodging. Travel fees from city to city will also be provided.

Applications must be turned in by date, and can be downloaded at www.rotary6400.org/programs/gse.htm. Applications are due by Nov. 1, and several applicants will be asked to participate in a formal interview process. For more information, call Steven Weatherholt at (734) 502-0100, or Oakley at (734) 941-4462 ex. 205.

Clarification

Last week, in a *Romulus Roman* front-page story about paraprofessional raises under a new union contract, the Romulus School District was inadvertently misidentified as the Inkster School District. *The Romulus Roman* sincerely regrets the error. The contract for the raise was in the Romulus schools and the officials quoted were all from that school district.

Flying high

Flying Pilgrims Model Airplane Club

Giant Scale Radio Control Airshow set

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Just past the western edge of Canton Township sits the field of the Flying Pilgrims Model Airplane Club. When the gates are open, said President Jim Repp, "just drive back like you own the place."

The gates will certainly be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 17 and 18, when the group will host the 22nd annual Giant Scale Radio Control Airshow.

The Flying Pilgrims have been part of the area for a long time.

"If you've been in the township for the last 15 years, you know about us," said Repp. The group, which boasts more than 200 members, used to fly their radio controlled scale model aircrafts over fields at Van Born and Lilley roads. Before that, they could be found on Canton soccer fields. Their current field is located in Superior Township, but half of their members are from Canton.

The flying field sits on Ridge Road, just north of Geddes—that's Latitude 42° 16' 47" N, Longitude 83° 33' 27" W for interested pilots—and boasts a 400-foot long, 40-foot wide runway. That's big enough for

some Pilgrims to fly model jets. The airshow will feature several giant scale models, which must be at least one-fourth the size of the real aircraft.

"Most of the models weigh between 15 and 50 pounds," said Jim Repp. "These are large models."

Pilots are coming from as far as Ohio and Kentucky. Repp said he knows of people who travel the country for airshows like this one.

"It's kind of like a subculture," he said, comparing the passion for the hobby to motorcycle enthusiasts.

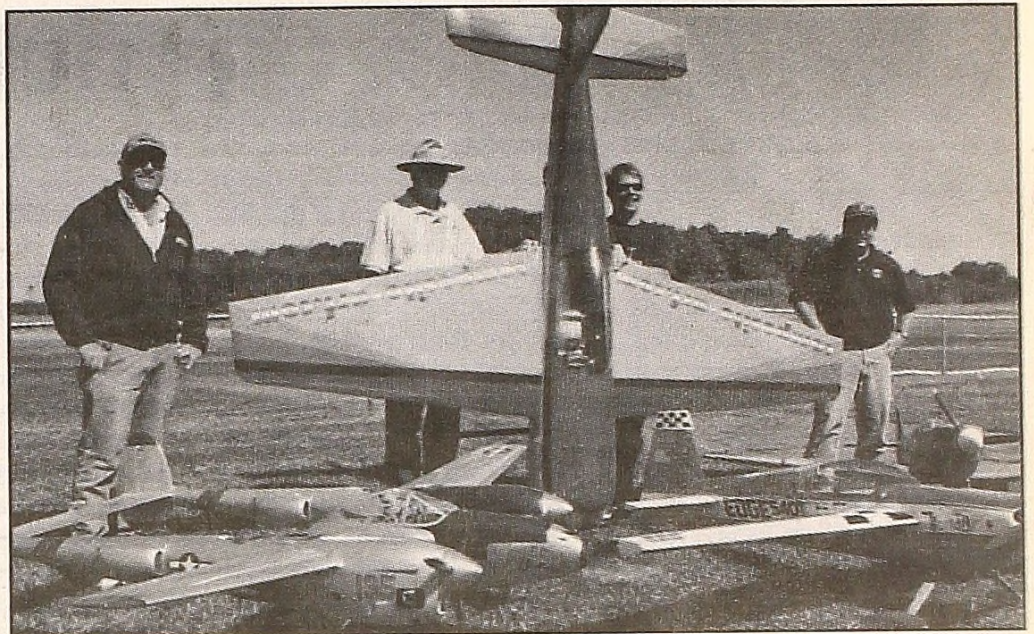
The family-friendly event typically draws 2,000 spectators easily, according to Repp.

"The kids love it," he said. "You watch their mouths just hang open."

Food concessions will be available at the event; the Flying Pilgrims are asking spectators for a \$5 donation per vehicle for admission.

"It's a good show," Repp said. "Everyone likes an airshow, right?"

For more information, call Repp at 248-941-8731 or visit the Flying Pilgrims online at www.flyingpilgrims.com.



Members and friends of the Flying Pilgrims stand in front of their scale model planes at the Giant Scale show last year. From left to right are Jack Kezelian, Chris Chene and his father and Jim Repp.

Grange returns to Fall Festival

Scott Spielman
Editor

When the Plymouth Fall Festival returns for its historic 50th year on Friday, a group that has been absent from the community fundraiser for the last several years is hoping for a triumphant return.

The Plymouth/Westland Grange, 389 will return to the annual community fundraising event.

"We are so pleased to be back in the Fall Festival," said Sharon Strebbing, a member of the group.

The Grange will set up operations at the Oddfellows Hall, which is on Ann Arbor Trail and Elizabeth Street. It's on the far side of the former Wilcox Property, where their old Grange Hall once stood.

The Grange had been a part of the festival for more than 30 years, according to Strebbing. From the hall on Union Street, they hosted a turkey dinner on the first floor with a craft sale on the second floor. They also sold donuts at a Fall Festival booth.

"Then we lost the building and we weren't able to put on the dinners for a while," she said.

This year, they will host a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. on Friday and a Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. They'll also sell donuts, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday until they are sold out.

"We're just glad to be back and we hope everyone stops by," Strebbing said.

The Flea Market and craft sale is open to anyone, she said. For \$25, anyone who wants to can reserve a 10-foot by 10-foot space at the Oddfellows facility. Strebbing said she hopes to have at least 25 vendors there.

"We might be able to squeeze in 30, but we won't know until we measure things out," she said.

Advance tickets for the Friday night dinner are \$5 for diners 12 and over, and \$6 at the door. Children from 5-12 are \$3 and those under 5 can eat for free. To reserve a space at the flea market or to order dinner tickets, call the Grange at (734) 722-4857; or Strebbing at (734) 748-0569.



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OPINION

Winds of change

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, one thing has become increasingly clear:

We're all going to have to do things a little differently for a while. It's difficult to capture the scenes unfolding in that storm-ravaged region with a few short words. No doubt, the scenes themselves don't even tell the complete story of the widespread devastation that can be found in the wake of the storm.

It's also difficult to determine how long-reaching the effects will be. As gas prices soar it's clear, though, that we may all have to change our routines. School districts across the state are already looking into it, consolidating bus stops to get the most use out of every gallon. That means children will be asked to walk further to catch their buses, wait a little longer.

Municipalities will have to keep a constant eye on their own supplies, as well as the cost to replenish them. It's still a tough budget time, after all, and it doesn't help when it's virtually impossible to plan for those necessary costs.

If there's a silver lining in any of this, it may be that this crisis forces to look at ourselves and our neighbors differently and to put aside any of the petty discouragements that we sometimes make big issues of. Perhaps, rather than taking a trip up north, we will stay in town. Perhaps, rather than run our air conditioners, we will open our windows and let in the sounds of our neighborhoods. Perhaps, when cut off in traffic we won't respond with anger. Maybe we will recognize these tiny freedoms for what they are and give thanks that we have them when so many others do not.

Another thing has become clear during this time of crisis, as well, although this may not surprise many of us. The difficult economy hasn't hindered the generosity of residents here in Michigan. Relief efforts – both organized and impromptu – have sprung up throughout western Wayne County and residents have responded, in kind.

It's good to see that kind of response. Goodhearted people have pushed aside blame for the conditions in Mississippi, New Orleans and other impacted areas and dedicated themselves to helping out as much as they can.

With people like that living among us, it's clear that the big picture will always be in focus.

Process should be public

The next few months should prove to be very interesting in the City of Wayne.

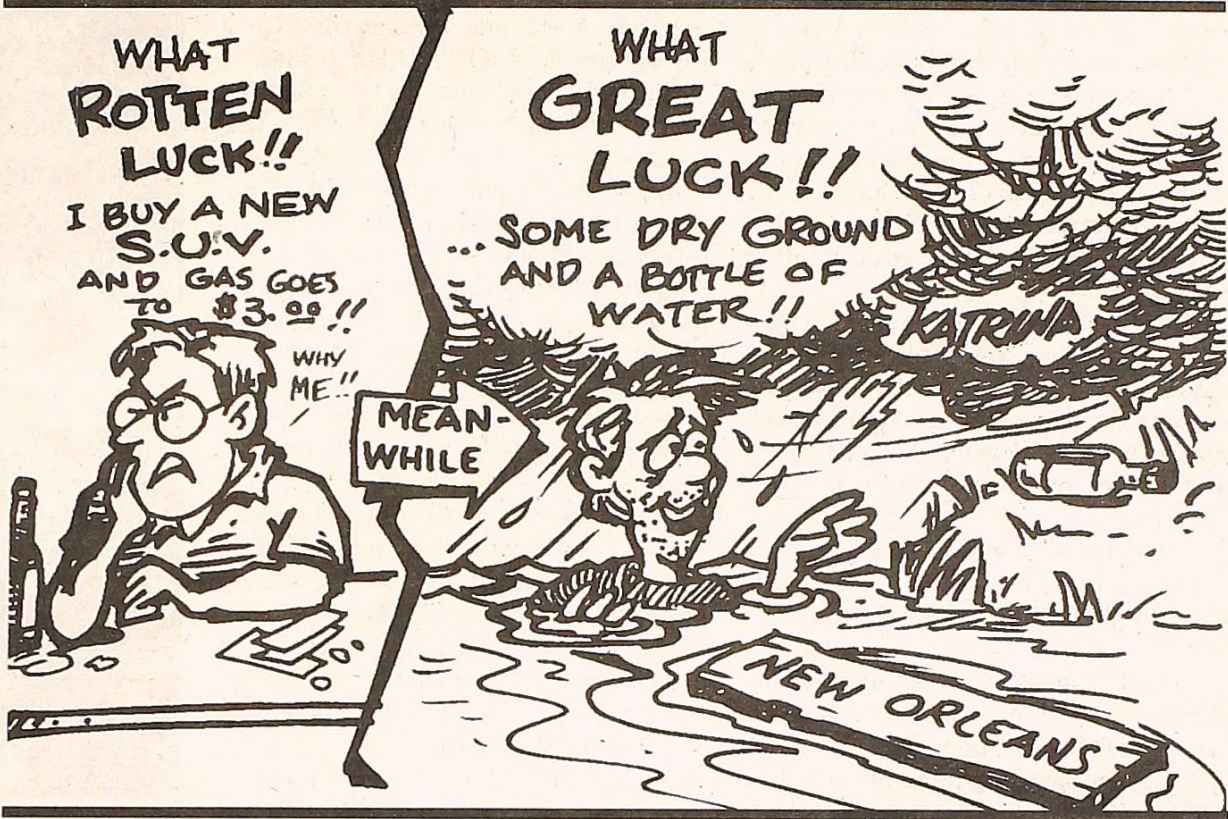
As city planners, residents and business owners get together with budding architects from Andrews University to help shape the future of the downtown and nearby neighborhoods, the city council will be asked to appoint someone to make decisions for the city for the next two years – and maybe beyond.

It may seem like a small decision to select the best person to fill the city council seat in the wake of the resignation of Don Hartford – who is moving out of state – but it has potentially long-reaching consequences.

Given the likelihood that incumbents on the city council will be re-elected, whoever is appointed will have a huge advantage when he or she seeks re-election, if in fact they decide to. The 'race' to fill this vacancy will no doubt be more hotly contested than a typical election; it gives people a possibility to serve on the council without all the legwork.

That's why the process itself will be important. The city charter doesn't dictate how the council will go about filling the seat. It only speaks to the timeline. Since Hartford resigned less than 90 days

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Be a part of the planning process

Like many others in the City of Wayne, I'm looking forward to the upcoming Urban Design Studio charrette process.

That's a big, clunky title for what is going on at the end of the month and it doesn't really give a feel for the whole process. I've thought about ways to break it down into something a bit easier to say and understand, but have so far been unsuccessful.

Here's what it is, though: it's a program put on through Andrews University, a college known for its architectural and urban planning curriculum. It's essentially an intense brainstorming session where 20 advanced level students from the college come to town to spend a week developing ideas for potential future development patterns in the city. They'll host public meetings, they'll work with residents, business owners, city staff and all that. Think about looking at the town as it is as a nearly blank canvas and thinking what if, and then backing that up with the latest trends in development and urban planning.

This is a process that many municipalities pay tens of thousands of dollars for. The city is paying about \$20,000 – and none of that comes from the taxpayers. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is paying for the whole thing.

It could bring in some fresh ideas, new ways of

looking at things and further spur on a trend toward revitalization.

And there's nothing for residents to be nervous about, either. It may sound like a desire to level everything here and start over, but that's not the case. It's actually designed to build on what's already going on and help the city reach its greatest potential.

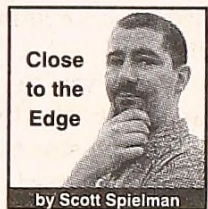
It depends on public input, too.

The city has taken a good approach to get the word out about the upcoming design charrettes, which will take place at the fire station. The Wayne 2020 Committee, which started this whole process rolling, manned a booth at the Wheelfest last weekend to pass out information about it and to solicit comments from residents about how they think the city could best be improved.

They got a lot of good comments, too, mixed in with the expected: 'this city would be a lot better if you fixed the street in front of my house' notes.

The questionnaire at the booth asked residents to identify the five most important things that apply to them, with choices such as parks and nature trails, coffee shops or outdoor cafes, promoting a

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Storm was like New Orleans itself

The drive from southern Lower Michigan to New Orleans is about 20 hours, if one drives straight through the night, as four buddies and I did one weekend in our freshmen year at Western Michigan University. The trip was, to use our description from then, "so college." We realized one day that the next weekend was the last before Mardi Gras, and we decided that day that we should drive down there to experience it for ourselves. We felt powerful. The decision was ours to make. We pooled money, we booked the hotel. Of course, we didn't tell our parents. All any of us really knew about New Orleans was that it was home to Mardi Gras, and that if we went down there it meant we were going to the ultimate party. We would be admired for our daring, and asked upon our return to tell tales of the adventure.

More than anything, the spontaneity of the trip gave it potency. It fueled us through the night, the idea that we were sure enough of ourselves to drop everything and go. We stopped only for gas and came upon the city the next day. That we made it down there after only a day of haphazard planning was a feat in itself. Snapping photos as we drove past the Superdome, and walked down Bourbon Street through the French Quarter, confident in our quest.

Last week, New Orleans was thoroughly and utterly wrecked. The images and news stories coming from there grow more desperate by the day: the death toll may reach 10,000; disease could claim many more; no power or water or food or jobs—and no prospect of any of them returning for months. Unrest, depression, chaos. The residents of the area have poured into Texas in staggering numbers, and have scattered among 11 more states, including Michigan. We send aid, but we are left to wonder if New Orleans will ever be remade.

At first, I thought, I was there once: I was in the city that no longer exists. Then I realized that the New Orleans I experienced was always a dream, a legend. I was there for Mardi Gras, surrounded only by more tourists; the locals mostly stayed away from the parties. I never saw those struggling to survive in that very poor region, people who would suffer further nightmares when the storm flooded their city.

But when I think about my short time there, I don't think of the parades, or the night revelers on Bourbon Street. I think of the spirit in which we took the trip, how we left ourselves no time to

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Prayer brings peace, power

You don't have to be a member of organized religion to participate. That's a nice thing about it.

Hold on, I have nothing against organized religion, however, there are a lot of people who prefer to find their spirit in other ways.

Life demands we have to have food and shelter, work to survive, but nothing says we have to pray. I find that interesting, because when I don't have to do something, I find it very attractive. Prayer is wonderfully rewarding, if not the most powerful thing you can do.

When I was a child, I went to a Catholic school and prayer was formatted. In those days thousands of today's adults ended their day with the "Now I lay me down to sleep" prayer. As far as I knew the "Now I lay me down," prayer was for Protestants or Lutherans.

One of the most wonderful things about being a kid in the 1950s was living in a neighborhood filled with different religions and beliefs.

Arnold "Butterball" Appel and his sister Barbara were Lutheran. We called him "Butterball" because he was always getting spanked for sneaking handfuls of butter. Clifford Hudlett was Protestant. Richard Kiessel, my next-door neighbor and best friend was nothing. His folks didn't go to church.

There was Kenny Housefeld and Dick Goodman who lived next to each other across the street. Amazingly, they went to church on Saturday, which always perturbed me because it interfered with our play.

Of course, Kenny and Dick didn't go to

church, they went to synagogue on a Saturday. I really didn't become conscious that they were Jewish until I was an adult. Great isn't it, that kind of stuff just didn't matter?

Too bad life isn't that way today. Too bad people today put so much emphasis on religion and race.

It just didn't matter in those days if you were Irish or German, Jewish or Catholic (even though only Catholics would go to heaven). We were community, a neighborhood an extended family. We fought, we played, we protected each other.

I remember once when I was 4 or 5 years-old, I called Butterball's mother a bastard—then said a quick (but not quick enough) prayer.

Mrs. Appel was in her backyard hanging clothes—it was called doing the wash in those days—yelled across two yards to my mother who was in our backyard.

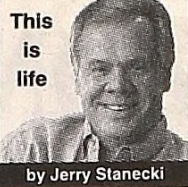
Mom reacted and whacked me across the behind then asked why I did it.

I said because Butterball's mother had called me a "little Polack."

Mom apologized to me then launched a few chosen words across the Kiessel's and Klienard's yards letting Mrs. Bastard know that she should know better. The next day all was forgiven and forgotten.

Today, prayer comes easily, especially my style. Anytime, anyplace.

A day doesn't go by without a good number of, "Thank you, Gods". In fact, I like to be grateful in advance—that way, I figure, God owes me.



This is life

by Jerry Stanecki

Storm

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recognize what we were doing. No time for anticipation, and no time for regret.

Strange then, and dramatically coincidental, to hear how New Orleans was

given the order to evacuate far too late. The storm that brutalized and swallowed the city changed course literally overnight, taking a track away from the Florida panhandle and straight toward the Crescent City. Hurricane Katrina was in that respect as unpredictable and indifferent as the city's many visitors, and chaotic as New Orleans itself.

Planning

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historic district, retail stores, youth programs, promoting the Rouge River and so on.

I've got my own ideas, of course. I would check the parks and nature trails, the library and recreation center, blight control. I like the idea of forming and promoting a historic district and I'd like to have a grocery store here that I could shop at without feeling the need to shower afterward. A greater diversity of restaurants would be welcome, too.

I've heard a lot of people talk about try-

ing to woo a Starbucks into town, but I'm not on that particular bandwagon. I hold Starbucks in the same light as CVS or Wal-Mart; the proliferation of those businesses spells nothing to me but the further corporatism of America. I'd rather see something more unique and individualized to give Wayne its own identity, not just a shade of everyone else's. Besides, I can get overcharged for coffee anywhere. It's like beer and gas.

Those are just my opinions. I'd like to hear others, and so would the folks pushing this effort for the city. Feel free to drop by the community development department or one (or all) of the meetings. They'll take place on Sept. 26, Sept. 29 and Oct. 4.

Process

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before a regularly scheduled election, the city cannot appoint anyone until the first Monday after the next election. That means the seat will be vacant for about a month; Hartford said his resignation would be effective in early October, the appointment can't happen before Nov. 14.

The timing may give the city and its residents an advantage. It's not something that can—or should be—rushed.

The process should be an open one. We'd like to see the city solicit resumes from interested parties to get as wide a candidate pool as possible. A subcommittee of city council members could then narrow down those candidates, and perhaps a public interview could take

place with the finalists to give residents a good idea of who's being considered, and why.

The main reason to do this is relatively simple: it brings government more out in the open. Let's face it: the concept that the city council will appoint someone close to them is virtually unavoidable. Already talk around the town is that this is an issue that will be decided long before the council votes on it, through casual conversations or impromptu meetings.

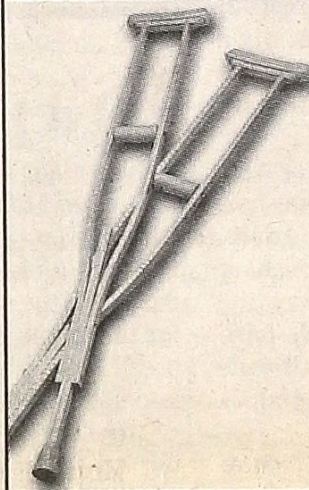
That would be a mistake. City officials have long talked about getting younger people—or at least different people—involved in politics.

Whether or not they go that route or choose someone familiar with the council is ultimately up to them, but the residents should be allowed to be a part of the process or at least to see what's going on.



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OBITUARIES

HOPE, Delpha

Delpha Naomi Hope, 85, of Romulus, died July 22.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 69 years, Kenneth P. Hope; her children, Geraldine Basham of Ypsilanti and James Hope of Woodhaven; sisters, Juanita Zoph of Missouri and Patty Pennington of Pennsylvania; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hope was a member of Faith Assembly on Huron River Drive.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Clarence Hayes officiating.

Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park West in Redford.

PAGLIA, Helen

Helen Catherine Paglia, 90, of Romulus, died July 23.

Among her survivors are her sons, Arthur E. "Ricky" Paglia of Arizona and Phillip R. Was of Romulus; sisters, Terry (Fred) Perry of California and Irene (Emile) Broda of Dearborn; seven grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

A funeral mass was celebrated for Mrs. Paglia at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus, where she was a member.

Father Festus Ejimadu was the celebrant.

Cremation rites were accorded.

PRIEBE, Anna

Anna Elizabeth Priebe, 87, of Waterford, formerly of Belleville, died July 25.

Among her survivors are her children, Richard (Diane) Priebe of Belleville, Joseph (Ruth) Priebe of Waterford and Mary (Danny) Woiciechoski of Belleville; sisters, Cecilia Broda of Belleville and Elizabeth "Betty" Smykowski of Livonia; 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Priebe was a member of the Belleville Women of the Moose and a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville. She retired from the A&P grocery store in 1982.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown Township.

MALLORY, Harvey

Harvey D. Mallory, 72, of Belleville, died July 29.

Among his survivors is his wife of more than 52 years, Florence C. (Webber) Mallory; a son, Mark E. Mallory of Taylor; a brother, Frank D. (Lona) Mallory of Belleville, and a grandson, Jeffrey M. Mallory of Milan.

Mr. Mallory was employed by Evans Products following his retirement from Michigan Rail Car in 1994. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Douglas Olsen officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

PATON, Thomas

Thomas Michael Paton, 37, a lifelong resident of the Belleville and Romulus area, died July 31.

Among his survivors are his siblings, Sheryl (Michael) Paton Noble of Monroe and David Paton and Christine (Adam Bourque) Jenkins, both of Belleville and nieces and nephew, Emily, Elizabeth, Sarah and Brian.

Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church where Mr. Paton attend-

ed services with Deacon Peter Cornell officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

REED, Samuel

Samuel Issiak Reed, 14 months, of Belleville, died July 31.

The baby is survived by his parents, Dennis Paul and Alyssa Dawn (Basom) Reed of Belleville; his sister, Shiann Olivia Sanders, also of Belleville, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Carl Danielson officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

KLIMECKI, Robert

Robert V. Klimecki, 80, a 50-year resident of Bellville, died Aug. 4.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 20 years, Caroline (Lumetta) VanDeCar Klimecki; sons, Robert F. (Nan) Klimecki of Flint and Michael V. (Marlene) Klimecki of West Bloomfield; daughters, Kathleen L. (James) Edwards of Ann Arbor, Virginia A. (John) Kovach of Illinois and Mary E. Klimecki of Brighton; stepsons, William (Charmaine Gordon) VanDeCar of Tecumseh and Alan (Linda) VanDeCar of Chelsea; step-daughter Diane (Ed) Branam of California; a sister, Dorothy (Fred) Burns of Wisconsin; 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Klimecki served in the United States Navy during World War II.

He retired from Ford Motor Co. Research and Engineering Center after 13 years of services.

Memorial services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

MANNING, Kenneth

Kenneth L. Manning, 68, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Willis, died Aug. 5.

Among his survivors are his wife of 26 years, Geraldine (Francis) Manning; children, Wayne Manning of North Carolina, Tony (Carol) Manning, Kenneth (Karen) Manning Jr., Mike (Sue) Manning all of Tennessee, Richard (Tammy) Mayfield of Westland, Roger (Sherri) Mayfield of Belleville, Ronald Mayfield of Ypsilanti and Heidi (Kevin) Bergeson of Belleville; brothers, Lawrence Manning, Jack (Wilma) Manning, Ray (Polly) Manning and Allen (Betty) Manning, all of Tennessee and Robert Manning of Belleville; sisters, Carolyn Taylor, Mildred (Henry) Fox and Mary (Theodore) MacMahan, all of Tennessee, and 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Manning served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Purple Heart, the VFW, the Belleville Moose Lodge 934 and the Ypsilanti Eagles.

Funeral services were at the Farrar Funeral Home in Dandridge, Tenn., with the Rev. Doyle Wolfenbarger officiating.

Interment was at Hills Union Cemetery in Dandridge, Tenn.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

WATKINS, Delphia

Delphia Muriel Watkins, 65, a 16-year resident of Romulus, died Aug. 6.

Among her survivors are her children, Robert Watkins, Rickey (Vicki) Watkins, Joseph (Rose) Watkins and Sarah (Steven) Lash, all of Romulus, and six grandchil-

dren.

Mrs. Watkins was involved with the former Calvary Christian Center in Ecorse.

Funeral services were at the Neal Funeral Home in Catlettsburg, Ken.

Interment was at Rosehill Cemetery in Ashland, Ken.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

GREGORY, Edna

Edna R. Gregory, 90, of Belleville, formerly of Taylor, died Aug. 9.

Among her survivors are her children, Patricia Gregory of Belleville and Robert (Gloria) Gregory of Clinton Township and a grandson, Eddie Gregory, also of Clinton Township.

Mrs. Gregory retired from the Taylor school district in 1964 after 44 years as an elementary school teacher.

Graveside services were at Hillside Cemetery with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

FICK, Edwina

Edwina Martha Fick, 65, of Romulus, died Aug. 12.

Among her survivors are her children, Frederick E. (Tammy) Fick and Martin (Julie) Fick; brothers, James (Patricia) Kessler and John Kessler; a sister, Linda (Tom) Halford, and grandchildren, Hailey, Jessica, Martin, Chad and Kyle Fick.

Funeral services were at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland with the Rev. David Kipfmiller officiating.

Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery

in Wayne.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

JOHNSON, Charyl

Charyl Jo Johnson, 46, of New Boston, a former 40-year resident of Belleville, died Aug. 13.

Among her survivors are her children, Renae A. Johnson of New Boston; her mother Jo A. (Brown) Quiton of Belleville; grandmother, Mildred Quiton of New York; siblings, Pamela J. Vida of Taylor, Kimberly L. (Jeffrey) Sears of Ypsilanti, Daryl L. (Molly) Quiton of Romulus, Jamie L. Quiton of Belleville, Kelly D. (Garrick) Davis of Ypsilanti and Andrew S. (Noel) Quiton of Pinckney; her best friend, Beverly Sears; a cousin, Gretchen Smith, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Johnson was a 1977 graduate of Belleville High School.

Funeral services were at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

JOHNSON, Bill

Bill Johnson, 72, of Romulus, died Aug. 26.

Among his survivors are his daughters, Deborah Yoh and Sheila Noble; a sister, Gladys Gates; brothers, Randy, Sam, Henry, Jerry, Lee and Tim Johnson, and grandchildren, Crystal Joseph and Misty Shafer, Ryan Yoh and Chelsea Cagle.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

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THE SCENE

TRANSPORTER 2

Entertainment is 'never late' in better-than-expected sequel

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

You find out everything you need to know – or at least what to expect – in the first few moments of *Transporter 2*.

There will be cheesy dialogue. There will be plenty of action. Jason Statham, who returns to his role of Frank Martin, will perform several improbable acts while he's beating down a handful of bad guys simultaneously, keeping his sport jacket and his apparently indestructible Audi intact.

It's a lot of fun, believe it or not.

Sure there are some implausible scenes, like when Statham manages to roll the aforementioned Audi in mid-air to scrape off a bomb just before it goes off. Or when he manages to survive a plane crash in the ocean by jumping ahead of the resulting flood of water that explodes into the ruined body of the aircraft. But hey, this is a movie about a kidnapping, not physics.

Martin is an ex-special forces operative who now makes his living talking in clipped sentences and driving dangerous goods from point A to point B. He's never late, which is a source of personal pride for him. He's doing a favor for a friend when the movie opens, serving as driver and bodyguard for young Jack (Hunter Clary), whose father Jefferson (Mathew Modine) is a high-level executive in a United States narcotics agency. Jefferson is not the aforementioned friend, but his wife Audrey (Amber Valletta) may be.

The first attempt to kidnap Jack goes awry, when Martin catches on to a phony scheme that plays out violently at a doctor's office. It's where he first meets Lola (Katie Nauta), an assassin who wears more mascara than clothing. Sporting two huge, silenced automatic pistols, she essentially destroys the office and its environs – along with one of her cohorts. We also learn why the police never respond to these huge acts of violence in these kinds of movies. When they do this time, they get shot to pieces.

The villains – headed up by Gianni (Alessandro Gassman) – eventually force Martin to give up the kid. Martin vows to return him safely, though, because he made a promise to never allow harm to come to the boy and, well, *The Transporter* never breaks his promises. It's probably in his brochure.

The kidnapping is just the beginning of a conspiracy that Martin uncovers, though. There are continuing developments throughout the film that make it more than just an extended car chase through the streets of Miami or series of escalating fight scenes.

Luc Besson serves as co-writer and producer on the film, and he brings elements to it not usually found in a martial arts action movie. Statham is good as Martin; he fills out a role that was awkward at times in the first *Transporter*, released in 2002. He fights like Jackie Chan and he's a lot easier to understand. Maybe anyone can beat up a dozen or so mercenaries with a fire hose, but to turn it on afterward and inflict further damage? That's art.

As villains go, Gassman plays his to perfection. He's callous, creepy, smart and evil, with an angry sneer and good hair.

Transporter 2 is that rarity among movie sequels: it's actually better than the first. It's a brief 88 minutes long, but it's much easier to watch than most other films that have hit the screen this summer and it's a lot more entertaining than a physics lesson.



THE SCENE

The Constant Gardener

Plot suffers from contrived camera work

The very name of *The Constant Gardener* tells you it is not a typical suspense movie.

There are no huge action scenes—no explosions, no shootouts. The only car chase is brief and simple, a straight shot through the African Sahara, with no flips or bumps or bruises in the end. In blockbuster action movies, fights and chases are meant to accustom viewers to a world without limits and without consequences—or, at least, no consequences except the ones that matter to the hero.

But the world of *The Constant Gardener* pushes much closer to our own universe, where the actions of one person, Justin Quayle (Ralph Fiennes), threaten to become swallowed up by power, money and indifference. And unfortunately the movie seems to suffer the same consequence.

Quayle is a British diplomat who is used to operating through proper channels. As part of the British High Commission, he tends to the relationships between his country and its former colonies. His exact role in Kenya, where most of the film takes place, is never made quite clear. But omission and misdirection are the themes here, and director Fernando Meirelles

keeps us away from the characters for a good portion of the movie. Their faces are obscured by shadow in the first scene, and Quayle's wife Tessa (Rachel Weisz) is murdered by the second. As Quayle seeks the truth about who Tessa was and what she died for, the facts are kept from us not only by the storytelling but also by the incessant and deliberate distracting shakes, zooms and retreats from focus of the camera.

Light floods over one scene, and empties out from the next. Pivotal twists are revealed by dodgy characters over choppy internet cameras. We see people through blinds and fences, foggy windows and mosquito nets. We jump back and forth in time, and key scenes are forever missing: the events immediately before Tessa's demise, her marriage to Quayle, and the tragic event in an African hospital that apparently brings their relationship to the breaking point.

The camera tricks and temporal jumps are necessary to aid the suspense, we find out, because the actual conspiracy here is nothing too surprising. The facts of it are actually too few to summarize without spoiling most of the film. Suffice to say that for all the obfuscation, it

is still apparent by the middle of the movie why Tessa—and, we find out, thousands of Africans—have died. It is at this point, when we know all we need to know, that an action movie will carry us home with shoot-'em-ups and come-uppances.

In this movie, however, it is the point where the movie shifts its weight entirely onto the back of Quayle, who can either crumble or expose the conspiracy. But whichever way he goes, it seems, won't matter. By then, when the scope of the evil has been revealed, the ethics of the movie compete too aggressively with the personal story of husband and wife. It's clear that the filmmakers want us to feel complicit in everything that has transpired, but with Quayle, we too are overmatched by the shakiness of urban Africa and the drug companies' plot for wealth. When the credits roll, we are still left, as always, to throw up our hands and toss out our popcorn tubs.

As a moral tale, *The Constant Gardener* is clear, powerful and relevant. We become aware of the dangers of corporations' influence on government; the convenient, utilitarian economic attitudes that override death and suffering. But that's something



Reviewed By
Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

we knew already. And formally speaking, Meirelles shoots a terrifically and hauntingly beautiful film. But the human face, which we need to sustain the movie, is

covered in shadow or muffled by grief for too much of it. *The Constant Gardener*, in the end, is left with a small box of pesticide and a world of untenable weeds.

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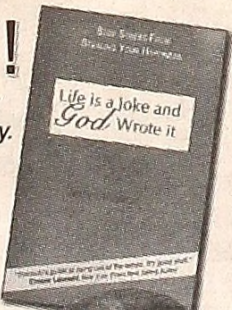
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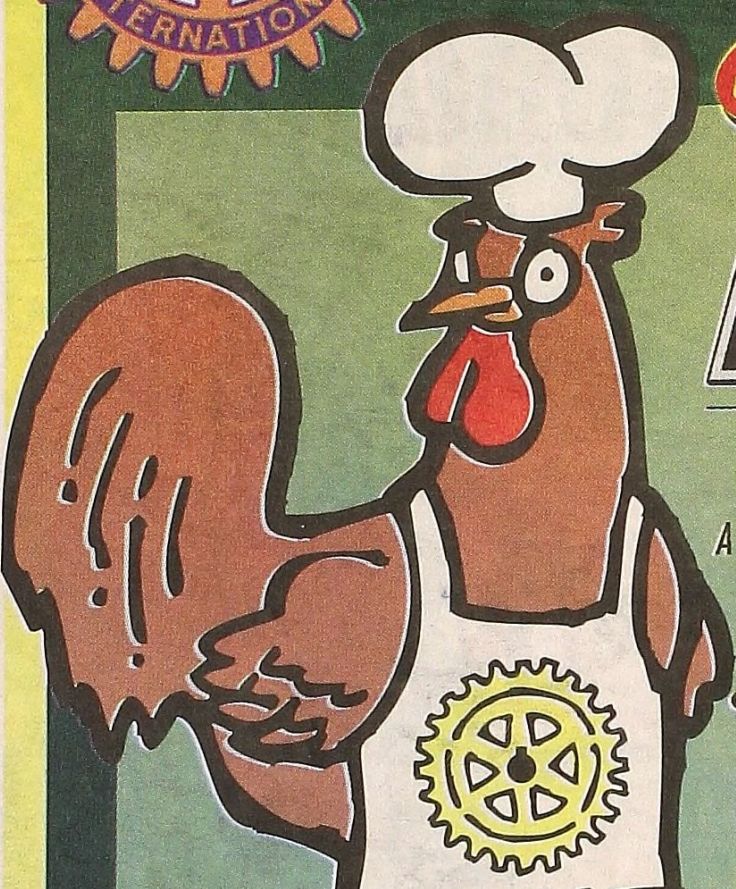
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Fall Fest

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8:00-11:00 pm

The Ride

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SATURDAY:

9:00-10:00 am

Optimist Pet Show

Fall Festival pet show

10:00-11:00 am

OPEN

11:00-12:00 am

Plymouth/Canton Cheerleaders

Cheerleading Exhibition

12:00-1:00 pm

Polish Centennial Dancers

Traditional Polish Dancing

1:30-2:30 pm

Taylor Brown

Young Pop Singer

3:00-4:30 pm

Roots Vibration

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5:00-5:45pm

Street Vaudevillians

Busker review show

5:45-7:00pm

Double Cross Band

Classic Rock, soul, Motown

8:00-11:00 pm

Global Village

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SUNDAY:

10:00 am-11:00 am

Leroy McGary

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11:30-1:30 pm

King Sweat

The Best Soul From The 1960s, 1970s

2:00-3:30 pm

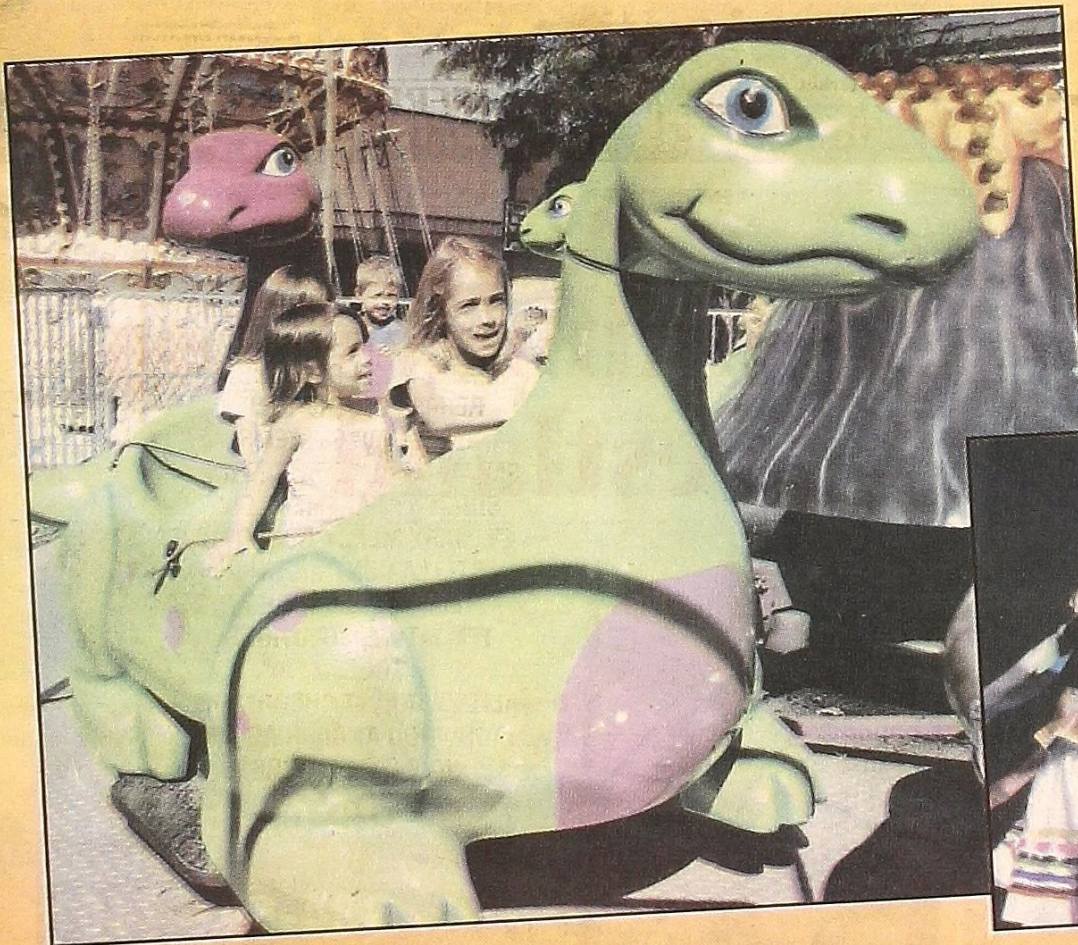
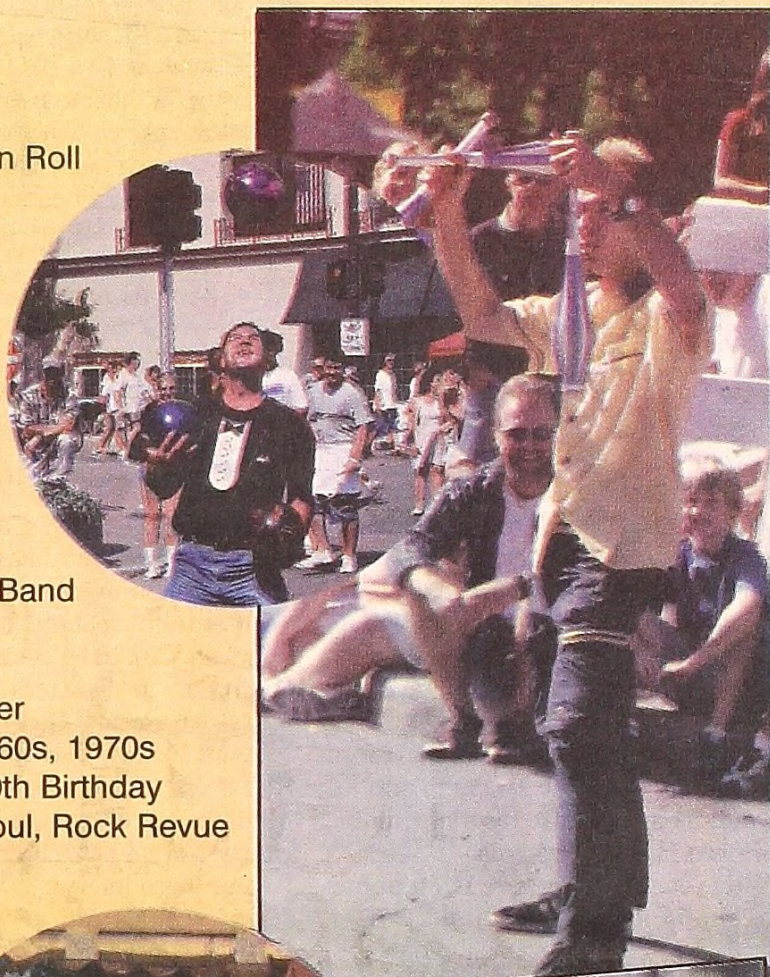
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Local volunteers on way to disaster site

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Thousands of people displaced by Hurricane Katrina have spent the days since it hit land streaming out of coastal areas in search food, shelter and safety.

Eight volunteers from southeastern Michigan have headed into the ravaged area under the direction and with the help of the American Red Cross. More are expected to be deployed in the coming weeks. Volunteers from across the area, from Livonia and Westland to Birmingham and Warren, joined the ranks of relief workers determined to aid the survivors of the damaged cities.

For three weeks, the volunteers—many of whom are retirees—will be assigned to the same shelters as those who fled the storm. Bryan Peckinpaugh, spokesperson for the American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan chapter, said that for the duration of their stay, volunteers would face the same challenges as the survivors.

"There's no hotels here," he said.

Despite the hardships they will face, volunteers are lining up to help out.

"Since Sept. 11, we've had quite a few more volunteers," said Peckinpaugh. Many of them have seen similar situations before as volunteers on other disasters and all take with them extensive disaster training experience, Peckinpaugh said.

Among local volunteers is Manohar Sardeshphande of Westland. After responding to three previous national disasters, Sardeshphande is considered a seasoned veteran. He left Aug. 31, Peckinpaugh said, for the disaster zone. As of press time, he had not yet been assigned to a particular shelter. He is expected to assist in sheltering operations for the

beginning of his stay, although Peckinpaugh said that he might be switched to family services activities once the initial need has been met.

Diane Whittl of Livonia also put her life on hold for three weeks to help the survivors of Katrina. Like Sardeshphande, she left Michigan on Aug. 31. Her specialty is mental health, so Peckinpaugh said that she is likely to be asked to work with the different families to help them overcome their losses once the immediate need for shelter has been met. She did similar work only weeks ago when she volunteered to help survivors of Hurricane Dennis, which struck in July.

Individuals interested in becoming a disaster relief worker should contact the American Red Cross. They will be asked to take three disaster preparedness classes. Then, they will be assigned to part of a local disaster action team. Each team will be on call one week a month, and if a flood, fire, explosion or other disaster occurs in that area, the team will assist the survivors in setting their lives back on track.

After training at the local level, individuals who want to be considered eligible to volunteer for disasters in other regions may sign up to be called.

As of Friday, however, the American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan was no longer recruiting volunteers for cleanup efforts in areas hit by Katrina.

For those interested in contributing to relief efforts in areas ravaged by Hurricane Katrina, Peckinpaugh strongly recommended that individuals donate money to the National Disaster Relief Fund, rather than goods.

Donations can be made either online at www.semredcross.org or by calling (313) 833-2664.

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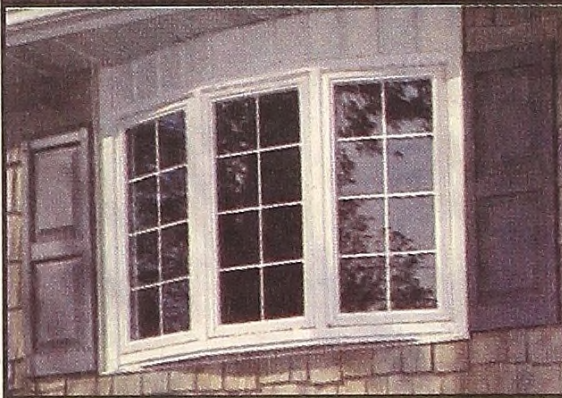
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SPORTS

Canton Chiefs escape Vikings in 24-20 victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs are known for grinding down opponents with their smash mouth-style running game, but it was the defense that stepped up in the final minutes to secure a 24-20 victory against the Walled Lake Central Vikings last Thursday night.

Senior defensive back Marwan Faraj, who played on special teams for most of the night, came in for one defensive play Thursday night for Canton, according to Canton Coach Tim Baechler. It was probably the biggest play of the game.

With only 1:18 left to play, Faraj recovered a fumble, allowing Canton to regain possession at a crucial point in the game.

Canton was up, 24-20, at the time but the Vikings had moved the ball successfully through the air and marched down field to Canton's 46-yard line. The fumble stopped Central from earning another first down and another chance to score.

The defense won the game but it was the offense that got things rolling for Canton.

On their first possession, the Chiefs' junior running back Deshon McClendon barged through an opening and dashed 53 yards to pay dirt. Colin O'Shaughnessy's extra point attempt was good to make it a 7-0 game. The drive took 1:16.

Central failed to convert a third-and-19 play and were forced to punt from their 2-yard line. A short punt gave Canton excellent field position for their second possession.

On a 4-and-15 play, Canton's back-up quarterback Corey Nicoloff scampered to the Viking's 6-yard line for a first down. McClendon punched it in from the 1-yard line and the Chiefs took a 14-0 lead before the first quarter was half over.

Then it was Central's turn.

On the eighth play of their next possession, junior quarterback Torrey Stimson connected with senior wideout Kameron Bonner for a 13-yard score at about the 2:40 mark. Senior Craig



Canton senior running back Andy Rossow (31) heads up field in the Chiefs 24-20 victory last Thursday night.

Dropiewski kicked the extra point to make it a 14-7 game.

In the second, Walled Lake ate up almost half of the quarter on one drive. It ended with a 48-yard pass to senior flanker Aziz

Atiyeh. The extra point knotted the game at 14.

In the waning minutes of the first half, McClendon nabbed an interception and, six plays later, scored his third touchdown with 51 seconds left. O'Shaughnessy's kick was good and Canton was back on top, 21-14.

Central had enough time to move the ball into scoring range. Dropiewski nailed a 36-yard field goal to cut into Canton's lead, 21-17.

The third frame remained scoreless, but with about 2:20 left in the quarter Central's junior defensive back Kevin Long grabbed an interception. Then about 13 plays and almost 5:30 later, Dropiewski booted another field goal to inch his team closer, 21-20.

Canton wore down the clock to 2:39 with a 15-play drive that was capped off by a 36-yard field goal by O'Shaughnessy for the 24-20 win.

"We had a great start," Baechler said. "It was the defense that came out flat. We

had to hold on to them.

"This is a change for us," he added. "Maybe it will be good for us. We have a lot of guys going both ways who got a little bit tired and we're not in great game shape yet and we were lucky to hold on."

Canton amassed 291 yards of offense with 271 of them on the ground. McClendon led the ground crew with 119 yards on 17 carries. Andy Rossow added 64 yards on 13 tries and Derek Perino ran 12 times for 53 yards.

Senior defensive back Matt Sweda led the defense with 16 tackles—11 of them solo.

Canton isn't used to close games but they had to substitute their starting senior quarterback Shawn Little, who was out due to medical reasons. Baechler said they had to scratch about 10 plays and three formations from the offense for back up Nicoloff.

Stimson went 10-18 for 139 yards for Central. Atiyeh caught four balls for 88 yards.

Canton will head to Walled Lake Western tomorrow.



Canton junior tight end Brandon Fender (18) leaps for a pass defended by Central junior defensive back Kevin Long.

Salem hoopsters topple Northern, 41-27, in season opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Salem Rocks are expecting another solid showing from the girls' varsity basketball team, especially with the leadership of Head Coach Fred Thomann—a cornerstone of Salem basketball tradition.

Thomann, a coach at Salem since 1972, led the Lady Rocks' basketball team to a 17-6 record last year.

This year he's without three senior starters, Alyssa Guerin, Ellen Canale and Kathryn Wheatley. All graduated in June.

But he has a strong core of players coming back, including seniors Brianne Clarin, Becky Ward, Keiyana Arnold and Carly Sommers. Thomann will also

have two players—Lauren Kurtz and Theresa Coppiellie—returning as juniors. Both had significant playing time last year as sophomores.

New to the varsity team this year are sophomores Ayana Mitchell, Meghan Ward, Christin Miller and Tayler Langham.

Sommers, Kurtz and Coppiellie add size to the inside game. All three stand at 5-foot-11 and have the potential to be dominant inside players and rebounders, according to Thomann. Talented forwards Ward, Arnold and Langham will surround the trio while Clarin and Mitchell will run at point guard.

"Getting the next batch of kids up and running was important to us," Thomann said.

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Head Coach Fred Thomann

The team did just that—up and run away with a victory in their season opener last Tuesday at Walled Lake Northern. The team chemistry was evident from the start as the Rocks led all the way through their 41-27 victory.

Salem led, 10-5, after the first quarter and upped their lead to 19-10 by the half.

"We really did a nice job from

the beginning," Thomann said. "We dealt with their full-court press and their half-court pressure—one of their strengths. We've been working hard on that. Our defense was solid, taking their best player out of the game."

"The team defense as a whole was respectable," he added. "We took out their premier scorer, after we did that it

was just a matter of taking care of the rest of them."

The Rocks added another 12 points in the third session to make it a 31-21 advantage. Then, in the fourth frame, team defense held Northern to just six points while the offense racked up another 10 for the win.

Coppiellie led the team with a double-double, scoring 12 points and nabbing 10 rebounds.

Newcomer Langham added eight and Becky Ward contributed with seven.

Salem hosted Brighton High on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. They won't play again until 7 p.m. next Tuesday when they host the Belleville Tigers.

SPORTS

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Candice Finley knew it would be tough to fill the shoes of Rhonda Henry as the new girls' varsity head coach at Romulus High School. But when she laced them up for the first time last Tuesday night they looked as if they fit her pretty well.

Finley, in her first game as a head coach, led the Lady Eagles to a whopping 62-39 victory in their season opener at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

She said it was closer than the score indicated.

"We didn't really start pulling away until about the fourth quarter," she said. "I guess the girls decided that they were going to play, once the first-game jitters were out."

"It was really important to me that we won," she added. "I was probably more nervous than the girls were. I had big shoes to fill and wanted to prove to everyone that I could do this. And I wanted the girls to win so it becomes a habit."

Romulus put together a 26-point finale to win the game.

It wasn't too close in the first half, though. Romulus led the entire way, outscoring the Lady Railsplitters 10-5 in the first

eight minutes. In the second session they scored 14 points to Ypsi's seven for a 24-14 lead at the half.

At one point Ypsi pulled to within three points in the third, according to Finley. But somehow the Eagles managed an 11-point advantage, 36-25, at the end of that period.

Finley said just about everyone on the roster scored. And if they weren't scoring they were contributing on defense.

"It was an entire team effort," Finley said. "When players were on the floor they were being backed up by those who weren't. There was a lot of cheering from the bench. There was a lot of team involvement."

Sophomore guard Erika Wasson led the team with 14 points while sophomore forward Jasmine Brown added 10.

Alysa Long was a force on the boards, nabbing 13 rebounds. She also added nine points.

Long is a new full-time addition to the varsity team this year. She was actually brought up from the junior varsity team last year during the Eagles' run at the district championship and trip to the regional tournament.

Returning with Wasson from last year's district champi-



As of last week Candice Finley (back row center) and the Lady Eagles were 1-0. The team includes (from left): First row—Tiara Grandison, Kate Appel, Chelsea Earby, Amanda Collins, Yetty Emanuel; second row—Erika Wasson, Alysa Long, Landria Buckley, Jasmine Charles, Akara Stovall and Jasmine Brown.

onship team are senior guards Amanda Collins and Kate Appel, senior center Jasmine Charles and senior speedster guard/forward Landria Buckley. They also have experienced underclassmen returning, with sophomore guard/forward Jasmine Brown and sophomore guard Chelsea Earby.

New to the varsity team this year are juniors Long, a center;

forward/center Yetty Emanuel; guard Brandi McCloud; sophomores Cristina Barnett, a point guard; and guards Akara Stovall and Tiara Grandison.

Finley still has a few more match-ups where she can continue breaking in those new shoes before they start conference play in the Mega Red division against Wyandotte at 7 p.m. on Sept. 29.

Romulus moved up to the tougher Red from the White after last year's success, winning the district for the first time in more than 20 years and winning their first regional game in the school's history.

The expectations are high, but now Finley has proven she can win.

And, as the saying goes: if the shoe fits, wear it.

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 7, 2005 in the Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Ballots in the September 13, 2005, Primary Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

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Linda R. Choate, CMC Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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- BID 05/06-15 - 2005/2006 4X4 SUV

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids **must do so on forms provided by the City**. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 942-7564 or by emailing romuluspurchasing@romulusmi.net.
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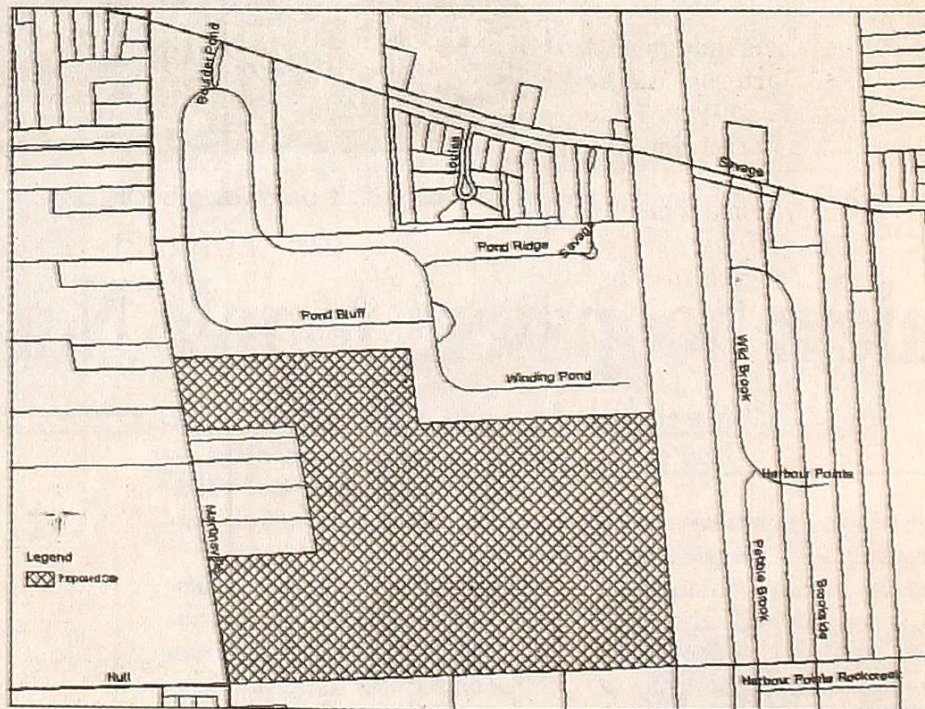
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday September 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-103-99-0002-000 approximately 99.84 acres proposed to be rezoned from AG Agriculture to R1-B Single Family Residential.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the north side of Martinsville Road, between Savage and Hull Roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of September 28, 2005.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Shorthanded Mustangs trudge past Churchill

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although the Northville Mustang soccer squad was shorthanded for part of the first half and the entire second half, they pulled out a 3-2 victory against a respectable Churchill Charger team last Wednesday.

Junior midfielder Alex Wood scored in the first five minutes to get things rolling for Northville.

Then, 15 minutes later, junior forward Chris Leonetti drew a penalty, which gave the 'Stangs a penalty shot. Freshman mid-field/forward John Hatzis stepped up the take the shot. The score gave Northville a 2-0 lead after the first 20 minutes of play.

Northville Head Coach

Henry Klimes, still feeling out the strengths and weaknesses of his team, made some adjustments and put in some second string players.

Churchill took advantage. Shortly after the change up, Jason Gillow narrowed the lead, 2-1, with his first tally. He knotted the score, 2-2, just a few minutes later

"I thought we were controlling the ball most of the half and I decided to make some adjustments," Klimes said, "but we made some mistakes and they tied it up."

Things took another turn south when sophomore Nick Kolbow was red-carded with about 10 minutes left in the first half, leaving the team shorthanded for the remained of the game.

Klimes said a Churchill player took down Kolbow in the box and the refs said Kolbow took a swing at the Churchill player while getting up, resulting in the red card.

"I think the players were just tangled up," Klimes said. "I don't think Kolbow is that type of player but I have to go with what the refs said."

Northville played the rest of the game a man down.

The 'Stangs showed their resilience, holding off the Charges the rest of the way. And with about 15 minutes remaining in the game, Leonetti scored the game winner.

Junior Evan Clough earned the victory in net.

Klimes also said that senior midfielder Nick Kaldis had

tremendous game. Klimes changed Kaldis' role from an attacking midfielder to a marking back position opposite senior Mike Blasius. The move stabilized the back line, according to Klimes.

Not only were the Mustangs down a man for a majority of the game but also they were without their Mr. Hockey candidate, senior forward Mike Cornelius, who sat out to injury.

"The boys showed great composure," Klimes said of the situation.

Northville played at John Glenn last night but the results were unavailable at press time. They are at home at noon on Saturday against Saline and then again at 7 p.m. on Monday against Walled Lake Northern.

Glenn football squeaks out victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

They did it again.

In what was supposed to be an uneventful rebuilding year for the John Glenn football squad, the team has won two very close, come-from behind contests to start the season.

In their opening game, Jerry Smith grabbed a TD pass in the final minutes to move by the Belleville Tigers.

Last week they overcame an 8-0 Northville Mustang lead in a double-overtime outing.

Northville ran to an 8-0 lead in the first quarter with a three-yard jaunt into the end zone and a two-point conversion. That's how the game stood until the final minute.

With 50.1 seconds left Glenn's quarterback, Justin Reid, completed a 20-yard pass to Brandon Pratt for a score. Then Smith grabbed a pass to convert the two points and tie the game at 8.

In the first overtime period Northville's quarterback Mike DeLuca tossed up a 10-yard TD to tight end Erik Markstrom. The extra point gave them a 15-8 lead.

But Glenn still had a chance and they made good on it.

Reid connected with Chris Hylton for a 10-yard score. Smith kicked the extra point to even the score at 15-15.

In the second extra frame John

Glenn won the toss and took the first possession. Again, they made good on the opportunity. Reid hit Smith for the tally. Smith's extra point made it 22-15 in favor of the Rockets.

Northville tried three unsuccessful passes into the end zone on their attempt. And on their fourth attempt DeLuca was sacked, handing the game over to Glenn, 22-15.

Reid was 12-20 for 107 yards and three touchdowns. Hylton caught three passes for 47 yards and Smith grabbed three for 23. Pratt rushed 54 yards on 25 attempts.

Glenn will host the Churchill Chargers at 7 p.m. tomorrow

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Mom is surrounded with much love and care. She is truly a blessing for family and friends to share.

When God takes my hands and will not let me stay, we will be reunited again in the most loving way.

I LOVE YOU DAD

Ronald H. Mason
August 30, 1938-
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Fishing dock box,
Misc. items

59. Auctions

Notice is hereby given
that on 9/15/05 at 1:30pm,
the following will be sold
by competitive bidding at:

The Storroom Self
Storage, 40600 Michigan
Avenue, Canton, MI:

Unit 726-Virginia Wrona: 5
Household furnishings,
10 Misc. boxes/bags,
10 Hand tools

Unit 209-Deward Zirker: 3
Misc. small appliances,
5 Household furnishings,
6 Misc. boxes/bags,
10 Clothing,
5 Other misc. items

Unit 942-Joanne Garris: 5
Household furnishings,
50 Misc. boxes/bags,
1 Recreation equipment,
20 Other misc. items

Unit 1217-Charles P.
Linton: 10 Household
furnishings, 1 Toys,
15 Misc. boxes/bags,
50 Other misc. items

Unit 225-Latoya Jones: 7
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#192-Shelly L. Young:
tools, refrigerator, furniture

#026-Matthew L. Williams:
furniture, mattresses

#224-Steven J. Dudley:
dressers, bike, boxes, toys

#232-Robert Ross: totes,
exercise equipment,
boxes, furniture

#350-Sheila Filek: appli-
ances, furniture, boxes

#398-Sarah L. Wright: fur-
niture, beds, luggage, toys

#271-Mary Houston: furni-
ture, luggage, bed, clothes

#215-Paul Lawson: tools,
clothes, bike

DEARBORN HEIGHTS
POLICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION

The following vehicles

have been deemed
abandoned and will be
sold at public auction on
Sept. 14, 2005 at 1:00 P.M.
at Dalton Towing, 27218
Currier, Dearborn Heights,
MI 48125 (313-299-9727):

1992 Hyundai 2 Dr
KMHDV12J1NU182731

1998 Ford StWgn
1FMEU17L8WLA10911

1999 Saturn 4 Dr
1G8ZJ5279XZ326262

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1G4HP54C7MH418932

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1G1JC1244S7161102

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1GNDU06D7PT127103

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1B3XG4433LG443973

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1G4HR54C1MH451354

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1G3GM69Y6GR310514

1994 Dodge 4 Dr
3B3AP28K7RTT244084

1985 Pontiac 2 Dr
1G2PM37RXFP241495

1993 Ford StWgn
1FALP5848PG156355

1995 Mercury StWgn
4M2DV11WDSJD28496

1991 Lincoln 4 Dr
1LNCM9743MY762336

1996 Ford 2 Dr
1FALP6245TH112106

1994 Chrysler StWgn
1C4GH54L6RX236777

1994 Chrysler 2 Dr
1C3EU4533RF264767

1988 Ford PU
1FTBR10C7JUD98767

1993 Pontiac 4 Dr
1G2NE5436PC8166278

1996 Ford 2 Dr
3FASP11J5TR156868

1989 Oldsmobile 2 Dr
1G3WS14WXKD310189

1998 Ford 4 Dr
1FALP6534WK150730

1988 Chevrolet PU
1GCB514E6J2198510
1987 Oldsmobile StWgn
1G3AM81W0HD392069

1987 Ford PU
1FTCF15Y0HLA24096

1989 Ford 2 Dr
1FABP41A9KF166123

1990 Mercury 4 Dr
2MECM75F8LX658547

1992 Ford 2 Dr
1ZVPT20C9N5224659

Note: The bidding will start
at the towing and storage
charges.

Note: Cars might not be at
this lot for viewing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC
AUCTION

On SEPTEMBER 13, 2005
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Department will conduct
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impounded abandoned
vehicles. The first auction
will begin promptly at
10:00am at Westland
Service Towing, 37501
Cherry Hill, Westland, MI,
County of Wayne, where
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be offered for sale to the
highest bidder:

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0F01F27422

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PU Trk Blue
1F25HLCB4407

1990 Geo Prizm
4 Dr Red
1Y1SK5466LZ135364

1988 Lincoln Towncar
4 Dr Tan
1LNB81F1JY780166

1994 Ford Escort
2 Dr Green
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Let the games begin

Wayne County Senior Olympics begin next week in area

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On Monday, the first annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics will begin.

Van Buren Township will host the Olympics from Sept. 12-16. This year, events will provide something for everyone—participants and spectators.

"There're activities for all seniors to enjoy and everyone is

welcome to watch the games," said Linda Combs, director of the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township. "We have about 100 people who have signed-up from just Van Buren Township, which is really good for the first year. Everyone's really excited."

Communities participating in the Senior Olympics include: Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Plymouth,

Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville, Northville Township, Westland, Wayne, Inkster, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Livonia, Garden City, and Redford Township.

As the host of the Olympics, the opening ceremony, baking contest, Fun Walk, softball throw, ring toss, frisbee throw, football toss, soccer kick and shuffleboard competition will all take place at Van Buren Township.

"I'm excited for the seniors because they all seem to want to participate and it's a good opportunity to showcase our community," said Combs.

Other events will include: tennis, billiards, horseshoes, pinocle, euchre, a basketball shoot, volleyball, golf, swimming, bridge, bocce ball and bowling. Event times vary.

The Olympics will end with an awards ceremony at noon on

Sept. 16 at the Wayne County Community College District, located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. Awards for first, second and third place medal winners will be given at the banquet. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased up until Sept. 12 at the college.

For more information about this year's Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, call 734-699-8918.

Local athletes to compete

Dorothy Vencelow never had a gym class, but that didn't stop the now 84-year-old Dearborn resident from being active.

Recruited to her high school swimming team, she spent three years as team captain. It helped spark a desire for exercise that has carried on past her high school years and—for the past 25—into the Senior Olympics.

Vencelow has earned more than 80 gold medals during that quarter century in events as varied as the shot put, walking and ballroom dancing. If her names sounds familiar, you might have seen her on a Channel 4 news broadcast recently, when she climbed a 35-foot rock wall.

Vencelow is one of hundreds of senior citizens who will com-

pete in the western Wayne County Senior Olympics when they begin Monday in Van Buren.

"It keeps me healthy, active and alert," she said. "I'm a very healthy person. I don't need any medicines or anything."

Her events will be the freestyle swimming, but the octogenarian has competed in several others in the past, including a mini-triathlon where seniors swim for half a mile, bike for 5 miles and then walk for 3 miles. Vencelow finished in less than two hours.

Bringing the competition closer to home was enough to get other seniors involved in it, like 81-year-old Myrna Hunter of Northville, a golfer with a 24-



Dozens of senior citizens throughout Wayne County will take part in the Senior Olympics on Monday, including: Myrna Hunter of Northville (second from left), Dan Michael from Van Buren Township, Hugh Craig of Woodhaven, Dorothy Vencelow of Dearborn and Bill MacDonald of Riverview.

Hunter has been golfing for 63 years, she said.

She wanted to get involved in the Senior Olympics to inspire others to get out and get active, too, she said.

"It's just inspiring to see the older players," she said. "Maybe it'll make other people get out and do things."

Dan Michael, a 62-year-old Van Buren Township resident, has always been active in sports, he said. He continues to be active, even though he's had a hip replaced. This year, his first with the Senior Olympics, he'll take on five events: horseshoes, volleyball, Frisbee, softball and football.

He said he likes the concept of the Senior Olympics, because it allows people to compete in sports they may have always wanted to.

"It's nice for a person up in age to fulfill their dreams of being a ballplayer or competing against people their own age," said the Vietnam Veteran.

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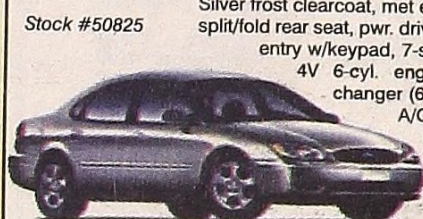
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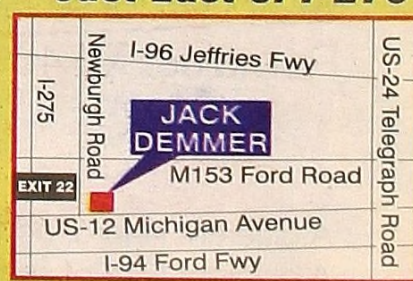
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